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852 men inside the door of the *trano be* armed with clubs or rice pestles,
304 not spears, and the Zafindriamitrova omitted this feature.

The fact that a group of boys had gone through the circumcision ceremony together did not establish any bond between them. The Tanala have nothing suggestive of formal age groupings.

STATUS OF ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

848 The Tanala consider it a calamity for either a man or a woman to be childless. Little social stigma attaches to an unmarried mother and what there is is counterbalanced by the desire for fertile wives. An illegitimate child is no hindrance to a successful marriage.

Among the Tanala Menabe a man who marries the mother as his first wife will normally adopt her illegitimate child, although it is not compulsory. If he takes her as a second or third wife and already has children, he will not adopt the child, but will contribute to its support. Illegitimacy does not affect the social status of an individual except in so far as it places him at an economic disadvantage. He shares equally with legitimate children in his mother's estate, but has no claim on that of his father, even if the relationship is well known. As land rights are transmitted exclusively through men and most cattle belong to men, the illegitimate child is almost certain to be poor. There are few opportunities for him to acquire capital even when adult and he can rarely rise to importance in the tribe.

Among the Tanala Ikongo much more social stigma attaches to illegitimacy. Such children are looked down on and jeered at and illegitimate boys find it hard to get wives. In at least some of the gentes, bastards are forbidden to enter the *trano be* ("assembly house") and are not considered full *gens* members. All the disabilities are, however, removed by adoption.

ORPHANS

736 The Tanala consider as orphans children who have lost a father or both parents. The loss of a mother is felt to be less serious. Children who have lost both parents are supported by their father's relatives, but they are often slighted and their lot is considered a miserable one. Fatherless children are somewhat better off, for the mother will work the father's land for their benefit.

ADOPTION

597 Adoption, *miantsoaza*, seems to be rather rare. It is practiced only by men who have no children of their own. Among the Tanala